

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: PROTEASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
THEM AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND
USING THEM

Examiner: Sheridan Swope

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 7, 2008. A response to the Office Action was initially due February 7, 2008. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for four month to June 7, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal
- Petition for Extension of Time